

# Letter to Senator Fred Thompson

## Concerning Further Expected CONstitutional Reform

[James Burnes](#)

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Dear Senator Thompson,

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to respond to a constituent and share your plans for the 106th Congress.

You must know how gratifying it has been to hear so much discussion of our beloved CONstitution within the halls of Congress in the last few weeks. Just a few months ago I would not have believed Senators and Representatives had even heard of this magnificent document, much less cherished it to such an extent.

I wish to commend you, Sir, on your plans expressed in the letter to me of January 6. Please advise me when you introduce your planned bills to eliminate Social Security, abolish the IRS and BATF, and remove federal government interference from the education of our children. I have no doubt that I can rally Citizens in other States to have their Senators co-sponsor this important and long overdue legislation.

With the renewed admiration for the CONstitution of the United States expressed by both the House and Senate, I am certain that all federal agencies, laws, and regulations outside those specified and enumerated as legislative powers vested in Congress by the CONstitution will be eliminated by the 106th Congress before this year is out.

The nation will be healed economically as well as spiritually by those millions of bureaucrats and welfare recipients who will soon be in jobs producing goods and services, rather than experiencing the shame they must feel in wasting the wealth of this nation by living off the wages extorted from productive Citizens.

Sincerely,

[James W. Barnes](#)

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### A Form Letter Back from Senator Thompson

January 6, 1999

Mr. James W. Barnes

Dear Mr. Barnes

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about the recent elections and the leadership of the 106th Congress. It was good to hear from you.

There are many important issues facing the 106th Congress, including Social Security, tax reform, and education. I share your frustration that these and other important matters weren't adequately emphasized during the last campaign, and you can be sure I am committed to focusing on them and, in doing so, promoting a smaller, less intrusive government.

I am grateful that you've taken the time to share your comments with me.

Sincerely,

[Fred Thompson](#)

United States Senator

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## Mr. Barnes' Initial Letter to His Congress-kritters

To: Representative Van Hilleary

[Senator Fred Thompson](#)

Senator Bill Frist

I have observed the collapse of the "Revolution of '94" with increasing disgust as Republican Senators and Representatives elected at that time have become the "Socialist Democratic Reinforcements of '94." You were elected because your constituents desired a reversal of the growth of government. Today, thanks to your efforts, the federal government is larger, more expensive, and more intrusive than at any time in the history of this once proud Republic.

The electorate isn't staying home from apathy or laziness, but from recognition that there is no difference in the actions of Democrats and Republicans. The difference is solely one of rhetoric. You were not elected to pass "the lessor of evil" legislation, or that which contains "more good than bad." The first is still evil; the second still bad. You were elected to reduce the size, cost, and intrusiveness of government by repealing laws and eliminating unlawful federal agencies.

I have [attached an open letter to you from a friend of mine](#). The author echoes my feelings with eloquence.

[James William Barnes](#)

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